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In re Continuation Application of)
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For: PUNCHING MACHINE AND)
METHOD THEREOF)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 2, lines 7-8, delete "according to claim 1 of the invention,";

lines 28-29, delete both lines in their entirety and insert in their place --In a

A1 particular embodiment, the first and second--

Page 3, lines 4-5, delete both lines in their entirety and insert in their place --The

A2 punching machine can further comprise a clutch--;